

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-10 and 13-15 are pending, in which claims 11 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-10 and 13 are currently amended, and claims 14 and 15 are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed May 12, 2005 rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by *Dudley* (US 6,012,189), claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10 under § 102(b) as anticipated by *Mullen* (US 6,036,260), and claims 1, 8, 9, and 11-13 under § 102(b) as anticipated by *Menditto* (US 3,962,738).

To advance prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended. Amended independent claim 1 now recites, “A **seat hammock that mounts on a body of a baby carriage to form a seat**, comprising: a seat portion; a backrest portion; and a body cover extending from both side edges of said seat portion and both side edges of said backrest portion toward the center, and covering said seat portion and said backrest portion, **wherein the body cover includes a plurality of slits for passing, respectively, a crotch belt and a waist belt of the baby carriage.**”

By contrast, *Dudley* discloses, per the Abstract, a bunting bag that has a top portion detachably coupled to a bottom portion so that the top portion maybe completely removed from the bottom portion. The top portion 32 merely provides openings for hands or arms (col. 7, lines 31-38; FIG. 2), not “slits for passing a crotch belt and a waist belt.” These features are not needed in the top portion 32 as the *Dudley* bunting bag requires that the bottom portion contains a plurality of holes for passing safety or restraining straps (col. 6, lines 40-42). Therefore, *Dudley* fails to disclose the claimed body cover.

As for the rejection over *Mullen*, this reference likewise fails to disclose all the features of claim 1, particularly as amended. *Mullen* (see Abstract, col. 3, lines 38-55) simply discloses a

cover 6 for a person in a seat without a back portion (FIGs. 1 and 2 and accompanying text). Moreover, the cover 6 provides no slits.

Turning now to the rejection under *Menditto*, Applicant respectfully submits that *Menditto* is devoid of the claimed features. Specifically, *Menditto*, discloses an infant stroller **blanket** composed of a rectangularly shaped front and back section of blanket material (Abstract). The slit 7 to which the Office Action (on page 2) refers is for bifurcating the lower portions (col. 2, lines 24-26), and cannot serve the purpose of “passing, respectively, a crotch belt and a waist belt of the baby carriage,” as positively claimed.

As anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that each and every element of the claim be disclosed in a prior art reference, based on the foregoing, it is clear that neither *Dudley*, *Mullen*, nor *Menditto* anticipates the claimed invention.

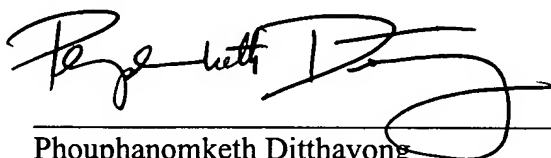
With respect to the newly added claims 14 and 15, these claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended claim 1, and thus, are allowable at least for the reasons put forth for the allowability of independent claim 1. Further, these claims are allowable on their own merits. Claim 14 recites “wherein a plurality of side projection portions projects from said side edges of said backrest portion for attaching to the baby carriage.” New claim 15 includes the features of “wherein the plurality of side projection portions are located about the upper ends of said backrest portion.” The art of record does not provide any disclosure of these features.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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